

we now have posed on us by the court to place all personal property on the tax rolls at market value. Those aspects which kicked in...are constitutional and they do take effect if the constitutional amendment fails. The bill in its entirety is what I responded to but there are aspects of it that would be constitutional and, in fact, necessary, in fact, necessary if you're going to provide an opportunity to address the issue of a constitutional amendment and not just proceed with putting everything on. It gets ironic. A year ago we were arguing, less than a year ago, that we couldn't put a constitutional amendment on the ballot without implementing legislation so people would know how it would be implemented. Now we are arguing we shouldn't have implementing legislation ahead of time because it is questionably constitutional, the constitutionality and that issue is also addressed in the constitutional amendment so there is the opportunity for people to know. I think it was suggested I have never said that I believe LB 829 was unconstitutional. I thought I had repeatedly said that I don't believe that you can exempt all personal property under the existing Constitution. That is what LB 829 did. The difference is, from my own viewpoint, is I had that judgment in February as a result of a February court case. I certainly did not have that judgment and I did change my mind as to that possibility with the July court case which made it for me, my own viewpoint at least, much more clear that the option of exempting all personal property within the current Constitution is impossible without first amending the Constitution. We've tried to meet, in the provisions in 219, we have tried to meet every court objection along the way. And, yes, it's true, I've tried to support legislation on a number of times, put in LB 1 and 7 and others, 829, looking for a way to address the issue without having to go to the constitutional amendment and there, in my opinion is simply no other way. If you do not change the Constitution, there is no other way that property, personal property can be treated except at value, a system the court imposed as of January 1. We also have a lot of discussion about the kind of budgets and I agree that's proper to do. We had a discussion yesterday on an intent motion and as I recall, Loran, the first motion was, that you made was to reduce the amount of reduction...

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

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